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MOSES FARGO[1], with his wife Sarah, emigrated from Wales about the year 1680, and settled in New London, Conn. The history of New London by Frances Manwaring Caulkins, published in 1872, has the following statement:

"With other new inhabitants that appear between the years 1670 and 1680, and to whom house lots were granted, is MOSES FARGO in the year 1680."

He remained in New London until about 1690, when he went to Norwich, returning again to the north parish of New London (now Montville), where he died about the year 1726. He had nine children born in the order named below:

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| SARAH[2], | born in 1680. |
| MARY[2], | born January 1, 1681. |
| ANN[2], | born March 2, 1684. |
| PATIENCE[2], | born May 9, 1688. |
| MOSES[2], | born April 9, 1691. |
| RALPH[2], | born August 18, 1693. |
| ROBERT[2], | born September 30, 1696. |
| THOMAS[2], | born November 9, 1699. |
| AARON[2], | born December 9, 1702. |

One of the sons named on preceding page was the progenitor of the second generation, of the line of posterity described herewith. Nothing at present is known of him except that he had a son named WILLIAM[3], who was born between 1730 and 1740 in New London, Conn. The records in and about New London show that

MOSES[2]—(Moses[1]) had three sons
JABEZ[3]
SAMUEL[3]
MOSES[3]

ROBERT[2]—(Moses[1]) had two sons
ROBERT[3]
MOSES[3]

THOMAS[2]—(Moses[1]) went to Vermont or Massachusetts and no one knows what became of him.

AARON[2]—(Moses[1]) had one son
AARON[3]

As none of the above four sons of Moses[1] had a son William, it is probable that

RALPH[2]—(Moses[1]) may have been the father of

WILLIAM[3], born at New London, Conn., between the years 1730 and 1740.

WILLIAM FARGO[3]—(Ralph[2], Moses[1]) had six children as noted below:

WILLIAM[4], born in New London about 1757, died in Montville, 1801.

SAMUEL[4], lived at Lyme, Conn.

SALLY[4], married John Ames. They went to Plymouth, Chenango Co., N. Y., in 1807.

ANNIE[4], married James Chappel; died in Pompey, N.Y. Her daughter married a Mr. Strong and their daughter Tacy married WILLIAM C. FARGO[5].

ELIZABETH[4], married Rufus Chapman in Lyme, Conn., and died there.

HANNAH[4], never married; died at Lyme, Conn.

WILLIAM FARGO[4]—(William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born about the year 1757. At the age of seventeen he was among the first to enlist in the Revolutionary War, and he served faithfully during the whole of that memorable struggle for independence. The following copy of his military service was obtained from the Department of the Interior:

| "Dates of Enlistment or Appointment | Length of Service | Rank | Officers under whom service was rendered | | State |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Captain | Colonel | |
| Spring 1776 | 1 Year | Pvt. | Wm. Coit | Parsons | Conn. |

On January 2, 1777, enlisted in Capt. Hyde's Company, Col. John Durkee's Regiment, for during the war; appointed Corporal, February 15, 1780. He also served as a Sergeant in Capt. Jonathan Heart's Connecticut Company under La Fayette, from February to November, 1781, and was present at the siege of Yorktown."

At the close of the war he engaged in commercial pursuits with Daniel Douglas, their principal business being the shipping of cattle and horses to the West Indies. For a time this enterprise proved successful; but the loss of two ships during a stormy voyage brought a reverse from which he never recovered financially.

He married Mary Congdell at Lyme, Conn., in September, 1784. They removed to Montville, where he died October 14th, 1801. His widow remained in Montville until 1813, when she removed to East Springfield, Otsego Co., N. Y.

Six children were born to them, namely:

GIDEON[5], date of birth unknown; left Montville in 1809 with his brother John, and went to Pompey, Onondaga Co., N. Y., where he married Betsey Reels. He died at Manlius, N. Y.

SALLY[5], did not marry; died at East Springfield, N. Y.

WILLIAM C.[5], born March 20th, 1791.

BETSEY[5], who was married to Samuel Mosher at Montville, Conn., about 1809, and moved at once to East Springfield, N. Y., where they both died.

POLLY[5], who was married at Montville to Samuel L. Wheeler about 1806, and moved to the town of Bolton, near Hartford, Conn., where she died about the year 1845.

JOHN[5], who left Montville about 1809, going first to Pompey and afterwards to Manlius, N. Y., where he died when about twenty years old. He never married.

WILLIAM C. FARGO[5]—(William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born in New London, Conn., March 20th, 1791. His father died when he was but ten years old, and he was thus thrown upon his own resources. In those days fortune was to be sought in the West; so having learned the trade of distiller, on the 23rd of January, 1807, he left Connecticut with his uncle, John Ames, husband of his aunt, SALLY FARGO[4], going to Plymouth, Chenango County, New York, thence to Jamesville, Onondaga County, where he found employment in the distillery of Benjamin Sandford.

He remained in this position for about two years, when he made his first visit to his Uncle Chappel, who married his father's sister, ANNIE[4], and resided in Pompey, N. Y. His visit over, he continued his journey westward until he reached Buffalo in September, 1810. Here he remained until May, 1812, when he entered the service of the U. S. Army in the pending war with Great Britain. The following is a history of his military service, obtained from the Department of the Interior:

"William C. Fargo was enlisted by Lieut. John O'Connor, at Buffalo, N. Y., May 7th, 1812, and in June following went to Canandaigua and joined the company commanded by Capt. James McKeon, from

which place he went to Fort Niagara, then under the command of one Captain Leonard. On October 12th, 1812, he was detached from Captain McKeon's company and placed under the command of Lieut. Richard M. Bailey, and on the evening of that day marched to Lewiston. On the following day he crossed with his company to Queenstown and participated in the battle. During the fight he was wounded in the right thigh by a musket ball and was taken back to Lewiston, where he remained in the hospital until February, 1813, and was then taken to Fort Niagara. On the 22nd of September, 1813, he was placed on an unlimited furlough on account of his wound, and remained on furlough until October, 1814. He then joined Capt. R. Jones' company at Sacket's Harbor, and was afterwards transferred to the company commanded by Benj. K. Pierce, and served as a Sergeant at Fort Mackinaw, then under the command of Col. John McNeill, until May 7th, 1817, when he was honourably discharged."

No longer a soldier he commenced his journey on foot from Fort Mackinaw, Mich., to Pompey, N. Y., where he arrived in June, 1817. He shortly after made a visit to his Uncle Ames in Chenango County, and returned in July.

On the 10th of August, 1817, he was married to his second cousin Tacy Strong, who was born September 14th, 1799, in Hebron, Conn. Her father was a farmer, lived near Hadham, Hartford County, Conn., and died when she was about one year old. Her mother's maiden name was Chappel (daughter of James Chappel, who married ANNIE FARGO[4], a sister of WILLIAM FARGO[4]). Her mother married a second time in 1809, to James Screel, in the town of Pompey, N. Y., to which place she had removed after her first husband's death. After her marriage to James Screel they removed near to Coburg, Canada, where they both died. Tacy Strong was the only child by both marriages.

In 1819, WILLIAM C. FARGO[5], with his wife Tacy, removed from Pompey to Jamesville, N. Y., where they started housekeeping. About a year afterwards they returned to Pompey, where they resided in and near the village of Watervale until the Spring of 1848. While in Pompey, Mr. Fargo was engaged in distilling and farming, besides holding the office of Constable for six years. From Pompey, he moved to Cicero Corners, N. Y., where he lived for seven months, removing to Manlius, N.Y., near what is known as the High Bridge. Here he resided for fifteen years, when he consented, with his wife, to accept the gift from his children of a substantial and comfortable home

in the city of Syracuse, where they both resided until their death, Mrs. Fargo's occurring November 9th, 1869, and Mr. Fargo's, March 16th, 1878.

In the Summer of 1875, at the age of eighty-four years, Mr. Fargo made an extensive tour of the West and Northwest, travelling some three thousand miles, during which he visited his son Mortimer at Green Bay, Wis., and also some of the scenes of his military life at Mackinac, Mich.

Twelve children were born to them, namely:

WILLIAM GEORGE[6], born May 20th, 1818.
JEROME FREEMAN[6], born February 6th, 1820.
RUFUS CONGDELL[6], born December 26th, 1821.
CHANCELLOR LIVINGSTON[6], born Jan. 12th, 1824.
SARAH ANN[6], born March 24th, 1826.
MARYETTE[6], born December 18th, 1827.
JAMES CONGDELL[6], born May 5th, 1829.
CHARLES[6], born April 15th, 1831.
THOMAS BENTON[6], born May 7th, 1833.
EMELINE[6], born May 17th, 1836.
WILLET HINMAN[6], born February 15th, 1840.
MORTIMER[6], born September 24th, 1843.

WILLIAM GEORGE FARGO[6]—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Pompey, N. Y., May 20th, 1818. Having had the advantage of the country school in the winter months, at which he made ordinary proficiency in the elemental English branches, he was employed at the age of thirteen, to carry the United States mail on horse-back from Pompey Hill by way of Watervale, Manlius, Oran, Delphi, Fabius and Apulia, back to Pompey Hill, a circuit of about forty miles. This Post-Office business compelled him to promptness and persistence, and grounded in him the idea that when a contract is made, it must be performed to the letter. From this time until 1841 he was employed in various capacities, but was steadily climbing the financial ladder.

In 1841 he became freight agent of the Auburn and Syracuse Railroad Company at Auburn. Soon afterwards he was appointed messenger, then again agent for Pomeroy & Co., who had established an express line between Albany and Buffalo. The express business was then in its infancy, but Mr. Fargo recognized in it the elements of indefinite growth and expansion.

In January, 1844, in company with Mr. Henry Wells and Mr. Daniel Dunning, he organized an express line from Buffalo to Detroit. In 1845

Mr. Dunning withdrew from the firm, and in 1846 Mr. Wells sold his interests to Mr. William A. Livingston; the firm then became Livingston & Fargo. In 1850 all interests were consolidated in the organization of the American Express Company, of which Mr. Wells was the first President, and Mr. Fargo, Secretary. Mr. Fargo afterwards became President. In the year 1852, Mr. Fargo, with others, organized the Wells Fargo & Co. Express.

Mr. Fargo was for some time a Director and Vice-President of the New York Central Railroad Company, was connected with and a large contributor to the enterprise of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and for several years a Director. He was also interested in other railroads, besides being a stockholder in several of the large manufacturing establishments of Buffalo.

Mr. Fargo was Mayor of Buffalo for four years, from 1862 to 1866, and distinguished himself for his courtesy, impartiality and executive ability. He was a large and constant contributor to charitable, religious and, in fact, all public enterprises; a man of remarkable decision of character, an instinctive judge of men with the rare power of organization and control, and of unflinching resoluteness and determination. His success was in no sense accidental. He trod with a purpose all the rounds of the ladder of fortune, and at no step had the faintest

breath of suspicion ever attached to his integrity. He died at Buffalo, N. Y., August 3rd, 1881.

In January, 1840, Mr. Fargo married Anna H. Williams, of Pompey. They had eight children:

ALMA CORNELIA[7], born February 23rd, 1842, died December 30th, 1842.

SARAH IRENE[7], born September 22nd, 1843, died October 27th, 1854.

WILLIAM GEORGE[7], born December 1st, 1845, died December 28th, 1872; married Minerva Elizabeth Prendergast, who died in Buffalo, October 11th, 1873. They had two children:

ANNA[8].

MARY[8].

HANNAH SOPHIA[7], born September 30th, 1847, died December 20th, 1851.

MARY LOUISE[7], born September 7th, 1851, died March 24th, 1852.

HELEN LACY[7], born at Buffalo, N. Y., December 3rd, 1857, died at Riverdale, N. Y., January 17th, 1886. On October 11th, 1881, she married Herbert G. Squiers, U. S. Army, at Fort Monroe, Va. Their children were:

GLADYS[8], born September 11th, 1882.

WILLIAM G. FARGO[8], born 1883.

GEORGIANA[8], born 1884.

HELEN[8], born 1886.

EDWIN MORGAN[7], born December 1st, 1861, died May 4th, 1865.

GEORGIANA[7], married Charles W. McCune, of New York. She died in New York, September 10th, 1892.

JEROME FREEMAN FARGO[6]—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Jamesville, N. Y., February 6th, 1820. He worked on a farm in the summers and attended school in the winters until he was fifteen years of age, when he obtained a position as a clerk. About the year 1840 he entered into partnership with his elder brother, William G., as a merchant and baker. Upon the termination of the business he moved to Auburn, to accept a position in the Auburn and Syracuse Railroad Company. He continued in this service until its consolidation with the organization making up the New York Central Railroad Company. He served the Central Road until June, 1856, when he removed to Buffalo, where he became interested in many large enterprises. In 1873 he was appointed to the position of Superintendent of the Personal Property and Real Estate of the American Express Company on all the lines west of Buffalo, a position he held until his death, which occurred at Buffalo, January 19th, 1883.

On July 1st, 1839, he married Miss Hannah Watson, of Weedsport, N. Y., who died in 1887. They had seven children:

WILLIAM F.[7], born in Weedsport, N. Y., March 4th, 1840, died May 12th, 1843.

JEROME R.[7], born in Auburn, N. Y., December 17th, 1842, died September 24th, 1847.

MERRITT W.[7], born in Auburn, N. Y., March 31st, 1845, died February 7th, 1852.

GEORGE WATSON[7], born in Auburn, N. Y., December 23rd, 1848, married Alice M. Diller, at Buffalo, N. Y., June 29th, 1870, and had the following children:

FANNIE ALICE[8], born in Buffalo, N. Y., September 12th, 1871.

HANNAH WATSON[8], born in Buffalo, N. Y., December 24th, 1873, married William Lincoln Popple, in Buffalo, N. Y., October 14th, 1896, and has one child:

MARION FARGO[9], born in Buffalo, N. Y., November 30th, 1903.

EMELINE DILLER[8], born in Buffalo, N. Y., July 30th, 1875.

JEROME FREEMAN[8], born in Buffalo, N. Y., June 14th, 1884. Resides in Buffalo,

N. Y. He is in the employ of the American Express Company.

FRANK E.[7], born in Syracuse, N. Y., July 3rd, 1856, died March 29th, 1859.

TACIE HANNAH[7], born in Buffalo, N. Y., February 11th, 1864, died December 3rd, 1866.

BESSIE[7], born in Buffalo, N. Y., November 30th, 1867, married in 1887, Stephen Sears, and had the following children:

FRANCIS[8], born April, 1888.
JEROME F.[8], born May 30th, 1889.
WINTHROP K.[8], born August 24th, 1890.
STEPHEN R.[8], born July 14th, 1896.

RUFUS CONGDELL FARGO[6]—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Pompey, N. Y., December 26th, 1821. He died there on September 29th, 1822. His remains lie in the cemetery at Pompey Hill.

CHANCELLOR LIVINGSTON FARGO[6]—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Sherman Hollow, N. Y., January 12th, 1824. Having learned the trade of a carriage-maker at Auburn, N. Y., he conducted that business for about five years at Watervale, but subsequently engaged in the express business. He owned the Lake Superior Express Company, which he sold to the American Express Company about the year 1857.

He married twice: his first wife was Phoebe Williams, a daughter of Nathan Williams, of Pompey, who bore him six children. His second wife was Rebecca Winchester. He died December 16th, 1862, at High Bridge, N. Y., and was buried at Watervale. His children were:

RANSOM J.[7], born December 7th, 1843; died July, 1867.

ORIN WILLIAMS[7], born August 24th, 1845; died at Buffalo, N. Y., June, 1880. He had two daughters:

TACY STRONG[8], married, resides in Jersey City.

SARAH[8], married, resides in Jersey City.

SARAH E.[7], born February 16th, 1847; died September, 1849.

FAYETTE CHARLES[7], born June 5th, 1849. In his fourteenth year he obtained his first position as a salesman for Pratt & Letchworth, wholesale saddlery and harness dealers at Buffalo, N. Y., where he remained for fifteen months. On June 22nd, 1864, he entered the service of the American Express Company as errand and letter boy, from which, through his energy and application to business, he steadily advanced until he had filled every position to General Superintendent, Messenger and Route Agent

excepted. Owing to ill health he was obliged to resign his office as General Superintendent at Chicago, Ill. He is now Superintendent at Indianapolis, Ind. He married Mary Munger, who bore him the following children:

FAYETTE S.[8], born November 13th, 1876.

CHANCELLOR ORIN[8], born December 6th, 1877.

EDGAR DELOSS[8], born March 3rd, 1879; died March 19th, 1883.

LIVINGSTON MUNGER[8], born July 17th, 1880; died October, 1880.

JEWELL HANNAH[8], born December 8th, 1881.

EMMA C.[7], born October 6th, 1849; died November, 1849.

SAMUEL WILLIAM[7], born October 4th, 1850, married at Chicago, Ill.; at present lives in Indianapolis, Ind. He had one daughter:

GRACE[8], who married and resided at Chicago, where she died leaving a child.

SARAH ANN FARGO[6]—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Watervale, N. Y., March 24th, 1826; died at Detroit, Mich., December 13th, 1888. She married a Mr. Harvey S. Reed. They had two children:

CHARLES FARGO[7], who entered the service

of the American Express Company as a label boy in October, 1868, and has since that time held the positions of driver, money-clerk, cashier and general agent at Detroit, Mich. Married Miss Jennie Rowlson, daughter of the Hon. H. B. Rowlson, of Hillsdale, Mich. They have two children:

MARGARET TACY[8], born April 24th, 1886.

HARVEY ROWLSON[8], born February 7th, 1892.

FANNIE STUART[7], born February 5th, 1860.

MARYETTE FARGO[6]—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Watervale, N. Y., December 18th, 1827. Late in the forties she was married to Samuel P. Wormley, who for some years had been associated in the express business with her brother, WILLIAM G. FARGO, when that business was in a very primitive state. After their marriage they went to Detroit, Mich., and later to Marshall, where Mr. Wormley became agent of the American Express Company. In 1881 they removed to Grand Rapids, Mich., Mr. Wormley having been appointed agent of that company at that city. This position he held until his death, which occurred March 2nd, 1899. Three children were born to them, namely:

FRANK[7], died in 1881.

WILLIAM GEORGE[7], who entered the service of the American Express Company, having been appointed Route Agent at Grand Rapids, Mich. In 1894, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent at that city; he was transferred to Detroit, Mich., May 1st, 1900. Married Stella Hahn of Chicago, about 1895. Has one son, George[8], born in Chicago.

JAMES CHARLES[7], who was also employed for some years in the American Express Company, at New York City, but resigned his position to enter into the business of Electrical Appliances.

JAMES CONGDELL FARGO[6]—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Watervale, Onondaga County, N. Y., May 5th, 1829. He was the seventh child of WILLIAM C. FARGO and his wife, whose union was blessed with twelve children. This worthy couple were not burdened with riches and were unable to give their children such educational advantages as are only attainable by people of means and consequently their son James graduated at the old red school-house at Watervale. Studious, ambitious to learn, and a most industrious reader, he emerged from the common school a better and more practical scholar than are the major-

ity of those who regularly graduate and whose sole evidence is contained in their diplomas.

At the age of fifteen, Mr. Fargo went to Buffalo and entered the office of his brother, WILLIAM G. FARGO, who with others was running an express line between Buffalo and Albany, under the name of Livingston, Wells & Pomeroy, and another between Buffalo and Detroit, known as Wells & Co. After discharging for a short time the duties of sweeping out the office and running errands, the young man was promoted to the delivery of money packages about the city. At that time the express business amounted to a single carpet-bag and a dozen articles a day between Albany and Buffalo, and the same quantity once a week between Buffalo and Detroit. The railroad had just been completed to Buffalo, but west of that city there was no railroad built.

In the Spring of 1847, Mr. Fargo accompanied his brother to Detroit when he took up his quarters in Wells & Co.'s office in that city. Early the following year his brother returned to Buffalo, leaving Mr. Fargo in partial charge of the office in Detroit, and soon after giving him entire control of the business in that city, first as local agent, and subsequently, as the two trunk lines of railroad through Michigan were completed, as Superintendent of Wells & Co.'s business in that state. This responsible

position was filled with signal ability and fidelity until January, 1855, when he went to Chicago, having been appointed agent in charge of the Chicago office of the American Express Company. The old previous companies, it should be stated here, had been merged in 1850, into what was now known as the great and powerful American Express Company.

Mr. Fargo, shortly after assuming charge of the Company's office in Chicago, was appointed to the General Superintendency of the Northwest division of the Company's lines, the duties of which were performed in a manner that rendered him unanimously popular with business men, idolized by his employees, and commanding the respect and admiration of the Company. Indeed his talents and genius so eminently fitted him to rise, that in January, 1867, he was called to the city of New York to assume the position of General Superintendent of the entire system of lines of the American Express Company, and Director in the great Banking, Express and Stage Company of the Pacific States, Wells, Fargo & Co., the business of which powerful organization extends to all parts of the world. In 1872, his health breaking down under the continued strain of overwork, he was given a leave of absence from his duties and went to Europe with his family; he remained there some eighteen months, and returned

to New York fully recovered in health and able to begin again his responsible duties.

Mr. Fargo was made a director of the American Express Company in 1859, and in 1881, at the death of his brother, WILLIAM G. FARGO, who was President of the Company, he succeeded him in that important and responsible position.

In addition to his engrossing responsibilities as General Manager of the American Express Company, he found time to organize the Merchants Despatch Transportation Company in 1871, of which he was made President. This Company was first formed in 1857, to operate a fast freight system over what are now known as the New York Central Lines; it at once found favor with the public and has proved of profit to its owners, the American Express Company and the New York Central Railroad.

Mr. Fargo introduced many innovations in the express business and it is greatly owing to his ability and energy that the Company reaches its position as being the standard and greatest express company in the country. He was never satisfied to let things go on as they were but was always looking to improve every department of the Company. In 1882 he introduced the Money Order system, which in a few years grew into an immense feature of the Express Company, and was taken up by all the other Express

Companies. Following this success, Mr. Fargo inaugurated the Travelers Cheques, a system of traveling credits which carried the fame and standing of the Company to all quarters of the world. To such an extent did the Money Order and Travelers Cheque system extend the influence of the Company that Mr. Fargo soon saw the necessity of branching out the Company's lines into Europe, and accordingly, in 1896, offices were opened in London and Paris, to be followed soon after with offices at other important points and agencies throughout the whole of Europe. In short, the history of the American Express Company might be taken as a history of Mr. Fargo's life, so thoroughly did he identify himself with its interests.

Outside of the Company, Mr. Fargo holds many other important positions. He is a Director in the United States Express Company, National Express Company, Westcott Express Company and the Chicago & Northwestern R. R. Co. He is a strong churchman, having identified himself as a vestryman with Trinity Church in Chicago, in 1857, and on his removal to New York in 1867, with St. Thomas' Church of that city. He was soon after made Vestryman and Treasurer of the latter church, and for more than twenty-five years has held that responsible position, filling it with honor to himself and benefit to the church.

Mr. Fargo is singularly quiet and unostentatious in habit and manner, his intercourse with his friends being marked with a dignity bespeaking the gentleman. He possesses a light graceful figure of medium size and height, a fine looking face, clear complexion and kindly eye. Mr. Fargo was married to Fannie Parsons Stuart, daughter of Col. John Stuart, of Battle Creek, Mich., on the fifteenth of December, 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Fargo had four children, two sons and two daughters. On August 31st, 1896, Mr. Fargo lost his wife, who died very suddenly while on a trip in the Adirondack Mountains.

The children of the family were:

WILLIAM CONGDELL FARGO[7], born in Chicago, Ill., May 27th, 1855. After leaving Anthon Grammar School in New York, he entered Williams College, whence he graduated in the class of 1878. Upon his graduation he was made Cashier of the Merchants Despatch Transportation Company, and held that position until 1880, when he entered the firm of Page, Fargo & Co., agents of the Howe Scale Company. Enlisted in the Ninth Co., Seventh Regiment, National Guard, State of New York, March 15, 1879, serving in that Regiment to Oct. 29, 1885, when he was honourably discharged. In 1883, Mr. Fargo entered the service of the American Ex-

press Company and was appointed Secretary of the Executive Committee; in 1898 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Company. In 1895, upon the reorganization of the National Express Company, he was elected Treasurer and Director of that Company. In 1903, when the American Express Company purchased the Westcott Express Company, Mr. Fargo was elected Treasurer and Director of the latter Company. He also holds a position as Director of the New England Despatch Company.

Mr. Fargo is a member of the Ardsley, University, Church and New York Athletic Clubs, and the New York Genealogical Society.

On April 20th, 1881, he married Mary Stockwell Preston, daughter of William R. Preston, of New York, at New York.

Their children are:

WILLIAM PRESTON[8], born in New York City, March 24th, 1883. He entered Harvard University, Class of 1906.

HELEN[8], born in New York City, June 19th, 1886. Married at St. Thomas' Church, New York, Nov. 8th, 1905, to Nathaniel Ford Moore of Chicago, Ill.

JAMES FRANCIS FARGO[7], born in Chicago, Ill., February 13th, 1857. He graduated

from Williams College in 1879, and entered the firm of Page, Fargo & Co., agents of the Howe Scale Company in New York. In 1883, he entered the service of the American Express Company as a clerk in the Money Order and General Accounting Office. In 1885 he was appointed Assistant Treasurer of the Company, in February, 1902, was elected Treasurer, and in 1905, Vice-President and Treasurer.

Mr. Fargo is a trustee of the American Savings Bank and a Director of the Hanover National Bank, New York. He is a member of the Ardsley, University, St. Anthony, Seabright, Church and Riding Clubs, the New England Society, the New York Chamber of Commerce and the New York Genealogical Society.

On May 17th, 1881, Mr. Fargo married Miss Jane Lindley King, of New York. Their children are:

GRACE LINDLEY[8], born in New York, May 28th, 1883. Married at St. Thomas' Church, New York, April 25th, 1907, to Daniel Chauncey, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

JAMES STANLEY[8], born in New York, March 5th, 1886. He is now at Harvard University, class of 1908.

JAMES CONGDELL, 2d[8], born in New

York, May 23rd, 1888. He is now at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H.

CLARA[8], born in Bedford, N. Y., July 10th, 1890.

ANNIE STUART[7], born in Chicago, Ill., November 23rd, 1858. She died in New York City on January 1st, 1884. On October 4th, 1882, she was married to William Duncan Preston, at Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y. Their only child was:

STUART DUNCAN[8], born in New York, January 1st, 1884. He graduated from Harvard University, Class of 1906. Entered Columbia College Law School, Oct. 1, 1906.

GRACE BROWNELL[7], born in Greenport, L. I., died in Irvington, N. Y.; aged seven years.

CHARLES FARGO[6]—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Watervale, Onondaga County, N. Y., April 15th, 1831. He commenced his express education in the Detroit office under the charge of his brother James, and worked his way steadily up. After several years of experience in the Detroit office, he was appointed agent at Toledo, Ohio. When James C. was transferred to Chicago, Charles took his place at Detroit, and upon the transfer of James to New York, he re-

moved to Chicago, to assume the important position of Second Vice-President of the American Express Company, of which he was also a Director. It may be said of Charles as of his brother James C., that he grew up in the express business and gave it his closest and undivided attention. In its general scope and in the minutest details he was familiarly at home. He deserved and won the confidence and respect of all the express managers in the country, as a gentleman of marked ability and conspicuous exactness and trustworthiness. His relations with railroad companies and other transportation lines extended over a period of nearly half a century, and, with his brother James, he was probably acquainted with a greater number of railroad officials and business men in the country than any other two men of their years. To him belongs a large share of credit for the perfect organization and successful working of the American Express Company.

On December 18th, 1854, he married Mary Jane Bradford, at Cooperstown, N. Y., daughter of Harvey S. Bradford, of that town. They resided in Detroit, Mich., until 1867, when they removed to Chicago, Ill. Mr. Fargo died in Chicago, Ill., October 13th, 1900. Mrs. Fargo died in Brookline (near Boston), Mass., on February 24th, 1899. The following children were born to them:

IRENE[7], born in Detroit, Mich., April 7th, 1857; married in Chicago to J. C. B. Andrews of New York, May 17th, 1882. Now living in Chicago. They had one daughter:

EDITH FARGO[8], born May 7th, 1888.

LIVINGSTON WELLS[7], born in Detroit, Mich., February 12th, 1860. He lived in Detroit until 1867, when he removed with his parents to Chicago, Ill. In 1877 he went to Williamstown, Mass., where he spent one year in preparation for entering Williams College, graduating with honours in 1882. He visited England and France during the succeeding year, and then returned to Chicago. He entered the service of the American Express Company, and was made Superintendent at Milwaukee, Wis. In 1893 he was made Assistant General Manager at Chicago, and in 1906, Vice-President and General Manager of the Western Department.

BRADFORD STORY[7], born and died in Detroit, Mich., in 1866.

ADELAIDE PHILLIPS[7], born in Chicago, Ill., July 18th, 1868. Married Henry G. Lord of Boston, Mass., in Chicago, June 5th, 1893. Removed to Brookline, Mass. They have two daughters:

MARY FARGO[8], born in Jamaica Plains, September 5th, 1894.

REBECCA GREENLEAF[8], born in Brookline, June 22nd, 1897.

FLORENCE BRADFORD[7], born in Chicago, Ill., February 1st, 1872. Married Frederick Russell Wheeler of Lockport, N. Y., Sept. 2, 1905. Resides in Lockport, N. Y.

THOMAS BENTON FARGO[6],—(William C[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Watervale, Onondaga County, N. Y., May 7th, 1833. He was employed with his brothers in the American Express Company, being stationed at Buffalo, N. Y., Detroit, Mich. and Chicago, Ill. He was subsequently in the employ of the Merchants Despatch Transportation Company, at New York City, where he died June 24th, 1900. He was married three times, the first time at Adrian, Mich., July 11th, 1855, to Miss Emma Laudelia Merrick, daughter of Dr. G. W. Merrick; the second time to Mrs. Louisa Thomas; and the third time to Mrs. Quinn of Boston, Mass. The children by these marriages were:

CHARLES[7], son of the first wife, was born at Adrian, Mich., April 25th, 1856. He was formerly in the employ of the American Express Company, but in 1883 he moved to One-

onta, N. Y., to become Agent of the United States and Canadian Express Companies. He is now Agent of the American Express Company at Springfield, Ill. He married Mary Gertrude Redmond, October 11th, 1888, at Quincy, Ill., and had two children:

MARIE KATHERINE[8], born May 3rd, 1892.

GRACE EMILY[8], born August 13th, 1894.

LOUISE[7], daughter of second wife, born January 19th, 1871, at Buffalo, N. Y.

EMELINE FARGO[6],—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Watervale, Onondaga County, N. Y., May 17th, 1836; died February 20th, 1881. She married Frederick Deesz of Syracuse, N. Y., who was for fourteen years passenger conductor of the New York Central Railroad, and died in 1887. They had two daughters:

JENNIE[7], who married Ira Goodrich of Syracuse, N. Y.

ETTA[7], who married in 1888.

WILLET HINMAN FARGO[6],—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Pompey, N. Y., February 15th, 1840. When the Civil War broke out, imbued with the spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in the 21st Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, where he was appointed 3rd Sergeant

of Company D, by Col. W. F. Rogers. On September 6th, 1862, he transferred to the 116th Regiment, N. Y. Volunteers, in which he served as Lieutenant and Quartermaster by appointment of Governor E. D. Morgan. He was honourably discharged November 25th, 1862.

On October 18th, 1873, he was married at Rochester, N. Y., to Eveline Caldwell of Syracuse, N. Y., by the Rev. Urias H. Muller. They had no children. He died at Decatur, Ill., February 14th, 1876, and was buried at Detroit, Mich.

MORTIMER FARGO[6],—(William C.[5], William[4], William[3], Ralph[2], Moses[1]), was born at Watervale, Onondaga County, N. Y., September 24th, 1843. He was employed with his older brothers in the American Express Company at Chicago, Detroit, Jackson, Mich., Syracuse, N. Y., and later as an Agent at Green Bay, Wis. In 1882 he was called to New York and appointed General Manager of the Money Order Department then newly organized. In 1901 he was appointed General Auditor of the Financial Department and has held that highly responsible position ever since, filling it with great satisfaction to all.

On January 20th, 1870, Mr. Fargo married Mary Drake of Zanesville, Ohio, who died in New York, January 12th, 1892. He was married a second time to Jennie Drummond on October 25th, 1895.

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